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Residents vote to refer the MBTA zoning proposal

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Residents shared varying opinions in a long discussion about the proposed MBTA multi-family overlay district during town meeting on Saturday, May 4.

The article proposed the amending of the zoning by-law and zoning district map to create a new overlay district pursuant to the guidance provided by the HLC to establish a

multi-family as of right zone. The zone needed to consist of 50 acres, half of which had to be within one-half mile of a train station, and the state's form for submission needing to calculate the ability to build 1,248 units in the zone.

There were some new amendments added that day to specify that the housing could not be age or occupant-maximum restricting.

Director of Planning and

Conservation Valerie Gingrich provided that the legislation impacts 177 MBTA communities, and non-compliance will risk funding for the Wilmington Housing Authority and other funding sources including MassWorks grants and other discretionary funding.

She referenced the Town of Milton which was non-compliant due to having a shorter timeline to create the zone, in which case grants were taken away

and there was a lawsuit in progress. There were several towns who had not approved the zone but still had time before they became noncompliant.

Gingrich also clarified that the zone does not require anything be built but provides a set of options and rules for development. The proposed zone included space on Main Street from Burlington Avenue to the Hyundai dealership, Burlington Avenue including the

Metro development parcel only, Deming Way including a senior housing project, and West Street including an existing affordable housing project.

The zone would limit the story height to three stories, and on Main Street this was only permitted with ground floor commercial use. Other restrictions set 20-foot setbacks and a parking space requirement between 1.25 and two parking spaces per unit.

In actuality, Gingrich proposed that a possible 200 additional units could be built in the proposed zone. They had intentionally included a few existing affordable housing projects.

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Residents approve creation of a stabilization fund for Shawsheen Tech at Town Meeting

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Three residents made the difference between voting in favor and against the creation of a stabilization fund for the Shawsheen Valley Regional Technical High School at the annual Town Meeting this past Saturday.

The article proposing the fund was submitted by the Shawsheen Tech's School Committee. Due to the town's by-law where peti-

tions articles are taken up after articles introduced by the town at random draw, it was one of the last to be considered that day.

Shawsheen Tech Superintendent Director Tony McIntosh explained that there are increasing numbers of capital requests to keep the regional school operating and mechanical systems up to date, as the building is 54 years old. He referenced their ability to

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Budget and capital items approved at Town Meeting

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — During the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 4, the town budget was taken up by department and ultimately approved in full for public safety, public works, community development, public buildings, human services, school, Shawsheen Tech, maturity of debt and interest, unclassified and reserved accounts, and statutory charges.

Kevin MacDonald made a motion during discussion to amend the public works department budget in order to oppose the addition of a new employee, but the motion failed due to lack of a second. Temporary Town Manager Lou Cimaglia clarified that the employee is not being added just to maintain the Lowell Street fields alone.

MacDonald asked about the moving of funds that aren't spent for previous

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Bidding farewell to a fallen hero

► As the procession for the fallen Billerica Police Officer Sgt. Ian Taylor passes along Rt. 93, members of Woburn Police and Fire and retired Woburn Police Chief Robert Ferullo stand at attention and offer a salute. Taylor worked for a time as a Wilmington Police Officer.

▼ Billerica Police Sgt. Ian Taylor was brought home in a procession to Billerica and then to Methuen on a recent afternoon. Hundreds of officers escorted the fallen officer who was killed on Friday, April 26 while working a construction accident on Boston Road.

(Photos by Joe Brown)



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Residents vote against renaming Woburn Street School

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At the annual Town Meeting on May 4, an article proposing that the Woburn Street School be renamed to the

Richardson Elementary School failed, despite some support from residents.

Petitioner Daniel Ballou shared that he submitted this article in recognition of the Richardson family. He described their opera-

tion of a farm at 280 Woburn St. where they hired neighborhood young people to work the farm, milk the cows, gather eggs, and learn how to grow produce.

"They were true dedicat-

ed Wilmington people who gave to their community and their neighborhood," he said.

He went on to say that it was the desire of the Richardson family to donate their farm to the town, but

there were issues with that donation and the town did not own the property.

Ballou also quoted former Town Manager Michael Caira saying that the land

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Wilmington Library News:

Preschool art show reception on Saturday, May 18

Adult Programs

Needleworkers at Night

Monday, May 13, 6 p.m.

These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group meets every Monday in the cozy seating area of the first floor of the library.

Brad's Hearing Aid Tech Recs

Monday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

Brad's been wearing hearing aids for almost twenty years. If you wear them, too, or are thinking about getting them, come hear what technologies he finds helpful.

Cookin' the Books

Tuesday, May 14, 12 p.m.

If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! May's featured cookbook is More is More by Molly Baz.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, May 14, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 18, 2 p.m.

Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Container Garden Workshop

Thursday, May 16, 3 p.m.

Join Master Flower Show Judge Kathy Leva for a hands on container garden workshop. Bring garden gloves and a small trowel if you have them.

Novel Ideas

Thursday, May 16, 6 p.m.

Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. May's featured title is All That is Mine I Carry With Me by William Landay.

Needleworkers

Friday, May 17, 10 a.m.

This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie.

Drop-in.

VIRTUAL Poetry Circle

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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois

MAKE SURE TO UNDERSTAND RECENT CHANGES WHEN BUYING A CLEAN VEHICLE

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) made several changes to the new Clean Vehicle Credit for qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles, including adding fuel cell vehicles. The IRA also added a new credit for previously owned and commercial clean vehicles.

Before taxpayers purchase a clean vehicle they should be sure that the vehicle was made by a qualified manufacturer. Taxpayers must also meet other requirements such as the modified adjusted gross income limits.

To be a qualified manufacturer, the manufacturer must enter into an approved agreement with the Internal Revenue Service and supply the IRS with valid vehicle identification numbers (VINs) that can later be matched at the time of filing to the VIN reported on the return.

When purchasing a new or used clean vehicle, purchasers should check if the make and model are eligible. In addition, for a new or used clean vehicle to be eligible for a Clean Vehicle Credit, the seller must provide the buyer with a seller report verifying that the vehicle purchased will qualify for the credit, which will include the make, model, and VIN.

Also, the clean vehicles tax credits are non-refundable tax credits meaning that these credits can't be used to increase the taxpayer's tax refund or to create a tax refund. These credits will only reduce the amount of tax they owe.

The amount of tax owed will determine if the full amount or only a portion of the credit can be claimed.

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Come play Bingo at St. Williams Church

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent
paike@yourtowncrier.com

TEWKSBURY — Have you ever wondered about the crowd gathered at St. Williams in Tewksbury on Friday nights? Having lived here for over 20 years, I had always been curious about the filled parking lot and the mystique of bingo. Invited to go and learn with a friend, I couldn't say no.

Bingo is a game of chance, played with 5x5 card squares and 75 balls numbered 1-75 spread across the five letters B-I-N-G-O. A casino game dating back to the 1920s, the game was originally called Beano after the beans that were used to mark the spaces on the cards.

And now the game is so popular it brings in millions of dollars annually to

benevolent organizations and state and local coffers each year.

In Massachusetts, Bingo is controlled by the Charitable Gaming Division of the Mass. State Lottery Commission. In 2020, the state listed approximately 60 organizations in the state licensed to operate Bingo, and the St. Williams Bingo Club has been offering the game for 50 years.

The state legalized Bingo in 1973, so to say it is an institution in town is an understatement.

The game is played at 6:45 p.m. in the lower halls of the school building and administration building at the church, and in an upper classroom; each location identified as "the school hall," "the annex" and "the balcony."

Players purchase paper packs of Bingo cards with

panels of 9, 12, 18 and so on, up to 30 cards on a sheet. There are also additional games which are available as add-ons. Each night's play has a line up, or agenda of sorts, so that players can follow each game, and every room has a closed-circuit television so as to see the numbers as they are called.

Expect to pay about \$15-20 dollars to gather the sheets needed for the night's games — cash only. The good news is any winnings are paid out immediately.

There are multiple rounds played during the evening and a ten-minute intermission. The goal of each game is to achieve a specific pattern for that round. For example, Letter "X" means a player must cover all the numbers that make an "X" pattern on their

card. Small Round Robin means a player must cover the inner square of numbers around the "free" space.

Pay attention or you can miss a spot on your card. I found some patterns to be easier than others to follow, and my friend suggested using a pen to mark out where my ink dots would go.

Players come from all over to enjoy the game, many following a circuit in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The lottery has a listing online where bingo can be found somewhere every night of the week. The Elks Lodge on South Street in Tewksbury has bingo on Tuesday nights, and it is also offered in Billerica on Wednesday nights at Billerica Pop Warner, and in Chelmsford on Thursday nights at Saint John the Evangelist church.

All ages play, with newcomers welcomed warmly and volunteers available to walk anyone who needs help through the game. The night I attended, there were groups of young adults who were visiting for the first time and friend groups of older adults who have been going for years.

Caller David Joyce has been volunteering for several years and said that helpers are always welcomed. Joyce's father was also a caller for many years, part of the original Men's Club of St. Williams, now renamed. St. Williams draws anywhere from 160-180 players each week, and Joyce said that proceeds benefit the church fund.

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There is a congenial atmosphere and people are friendly, sharing snacks and advice. Sometimes friends meet up on occasion at bingo to have a fun night out while others are devoted Friday night regulars.

Many have their favorite seats and setups. For example, players have special sponge-tipped ink dabbers they use to mark the boards, good luck charms, pictures of loved ones, seat cushions, fancy ticket holders, and more.

Winners call out "BINGO" loudly, and there may be several winners for each

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David Joyce is one of the volunteer "callers" at bingo and likes that the game benefits the church. Volunteers are always needed.
(Paige Impink photos)



Ashley Donahue of Chelmsford enjoys Bingo at St. Williams.

OBITUARY

Thomas Joseph Tivnan

Served on USS Albany as gunnery officer

Thomas J. Tivnan of Wilmington entered into rest on May 2, 2024, with his family at his side.

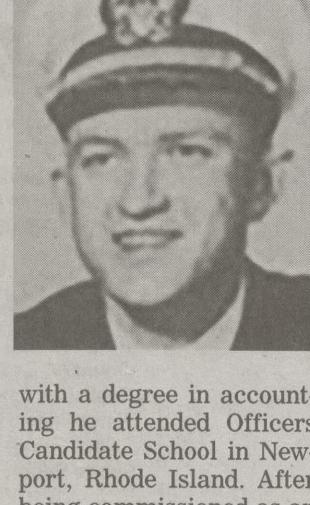
He was the beloved husband of the late Helen M. (Jameson). He was the devoted father of Thomas Tivnan and his wife Michele of York, Maine, Paul Tivnan and his wife Patricia of Wilmington and Rosemary Connelly and her husband Harry of Wilmington.

Tom was the proud grandfather of Christopher and Sean Tivnan and Kalin and Elizabeth Connelly.

One of his greatest joys was attending his grandchildren's concerts, games and recitals.

Tom was born in Everett on May 16, 1934, and grew up in Revere, the son of the late Charles and Olive (Murray) Tivnan and brother of the late Sister Mary Charles O.S.C.

After graduating from Merrimack College in 1956



with a degree in accounting he attended Officers Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. After being commissioned as an Ensign in 1957 he was stationed at the Boston Naval Shipyard where he proudly served on the heavy cruiser USS Albany, CA 123 as a gunnery officer. Following 14 months service on the Albany, now LT (jg) Tivnan served at OCS Newport as an Instructor. After his active duty service, he served in the Naval Reserve in Newport. Recalled to active duty dur-

ing the Cuban Missile Crisis, he retired as a Lieutenant in 1970.

Tom's working life was as an accountant at Northeast Airlines, John Hancock and the IRS. He was also a lifelong communicant at the Immaculate Conception Church in Revere and St. Thomas in Wilmington, teaching CCD at both parishes.

Later in life, after moving to Wilmington to be closer to family, he was an active member of the Senior Center where he very much enjoyed participating in the group activities, trips and just chatting with his fellow seniors.

An avid Boston sports fan, he enjoyed watching games with family. He will be greatly missed for his self-sacrifice, kindness, integrity and sense of humor.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Monastery of Saint Clare, 590 Gay St. Westwood, MA 02090 www.poorclareunions-boston.org

Visitation for Tom will be held at Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere St. Revere on Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be Friday, May 10, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. Funeral mass to follow at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., Revere.

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OPINION

Letter carriers' food drive is this Saturday

Dear residents,
Since launching in 1993, the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has grown into the nation's largest one-day food drive, helping to fill the shelves of food banks in cities and towns throughout the United States.

This year's drive will be held this Saturday, May 11. Tewksbury residents should be receiving a plastic bag in the mail this week (if you don't receive one, any plastic/paper bag is fine to use).

Please put non-perishable and NON-EXPIRED food/toiletry items in the bag and

hang it on your mailbox. While making their mail deliveries on Saturday morning, the letter carriers will collect the donations and deliver them to the Tewksbury Food Pantry.

This is the largest food drive for the Tewksbury pantry each year and it goes a very long way in helping the Pantry support our fellow Tewksbury seniors, adults and children who are facing food insecurity. Thank you very much for providing any assistance you can.

William Welch,
Tewksbury Food Pantry,
999 Whipple Road

More than 40 communities passed zoning intended to comply with MBTA Communities law

BOSTON — With spring town meetings underway in many Massachusetts communities, more than 40 cities and towns have now passed multi-family zoning districts intended to comply with the state's MBTA Communities law.

The wave of new multi-family zoning districts arrives as nearly two dozen additional communities will vote on zoning created to meet the law at town meetings in May.

"Massachusetts has a shortage of housing that has driven up costs for residents across the state, and every community has a role to play in addressing this challenge," said Governor Maura Healey. "We applaud the cities and towns that have already adopted multi-family zoning districts, which will have long-term benefits for their communities, our economy and the entire state. Our administration remains committed to partnering with all communities to help them come into compliance with this transformative law."

"The MBTA Communities law is just one piece of our administration's strategy to increase our housing supply and lower costs," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Allowing for zoning of multi-family housing means a stronger and more stable housing future for Massachusetts."

As of today, 44 communities have passed multi-family zoning intended to comply with the law. Once communities pass zoning, they are required to submit their plans to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities for review.

"The overwhelming majority of communities are doing what they can to comply with the law," said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus. "We are proud to see communities adopt zoning that is intended for compliance with the MBTA Communities Law. For far too long, families have been boxed out of our more desirable neighborhoods. And this law will help us create livable communities with housing op-

tions for every income." The law was designed to help alleviate the state's housing crisis by permitting the building of multi-family zoning in areas that have access to public transportation. It was signed into law in January 2021 after receiving unanimous support in the Senate and overwhelming support in the House.

25 communities have submitted plans to the state for review and three — Arlington, Lexington and Salem — have been approved by the state.

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities is committed to working with every community to ensure compliance with the MBTA Communities Law. To date, the state and our partners have given out more than \$6 million in technical assistance to communities to help them develop districts to comply with the law.

The MBTA Communities law requires 177 cities and towns to establish at least one district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right. Communities have considerable discretion as to the creation of the districts, providing that they are within a half mile from a transit station, when applicable, and that the districts do not impose age restrictions.

The communities that have adopted multi-family zoning intended to comply with the MBTA Communities Law are Abington, Andover, Arlington, Bedford, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Concord, Danvers, Dedham, Essex, Everett, Franklin, Grafton, Harvard, Haverhill, Hingham, Lexington, Lincoln, Lowell, Malden, Medford, Newbury, Newton, Northborough, Northbridge, Norwood, Pembroke, Plymouth, Quincy, Revere, Rockport, Salem, Scituate, Somerville, Stoneham, Taunton, Wareham, Wellesley, Westborough, Westford and Win-

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Gov. Healey signs Ch. 90 bill to improve bridges, roads

MELROSE — Governor Maura Healey signed legislation at an event in Melrose which authorizes \$200 million for Fiscal Year 2025 to fund bridge and road maintenance and other infrastructure projects in municipalities across the state under the Chapter 90 program.

Tewksbury received \$914,127 and Wilmington received \$782,667.

In addition, the legislation will fund a total of \$175 million more for six transportation infrastructure grant programs.

The Chapter 90 program provides municipalities with an annual funding source for improvements to and investments in local transportation networks. Every municipality in the state is allocated a portion of total program dollars, which allows them to evaluate their unique transportation needs and goals and allocate funding accordingly.

In addition, Chapter 90 funding helps cities and towns compete for new, historic levels of federal grant opportunities under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, as proof of available matching funds is generally required as a condition of applying for a federal award, and showing the availability of dedicated funds for this purpose dramatically strengthens applications to any such federal program.

"We know that residents' quality of life and our state's economic strength depends on people being able to get where they need to go safely and on time," said Governor Maura Healey. "These Chapter 90 funds and millions

more for six grant programs will help us deliver on critical road, bridge and infrastructure projects that communities and the traveling public need. We're proud to sign this bill into law today and grateful to the Legislature for their partnership."

"As a former mayor, I know how much this money means to our cities and towns," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "In particular, Chapter 90 apportionments go a long way in making sure our transportation system is safe and reliable for people who live, work, and visit our communities."

"MassDOT is pleased to

play the role of administrator of the Chapter 90 Program and to support transportation infrastructure needs state-wide with funds available through six grant programs because we have seen the on-the-ground impact the funding can have in our cities and towns," said

Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "From adding to sidewalks, improving pavement condition, building bicycle lanes, and numerous other projects, municipal leaders use Chapter 90 and grant awards to invest in their transportation networks."

The funding will facilitate longstanding and newly identified projects and improvements, including bridge repairs and reconstruction; roadway, bike path, sidewalk, and curbing construction; accessibility improvements; milling and paving; and lighting and traffic signal improvements.

In addition to the \$200

million total in Chapter 90 funding for Fiscal Year 2025, the Rural Roadway Funding program and six transportation infrastructure grant programs will each receive a total of \$25 million.

Municipal Pavement

Program, which focuses on the improvement of municipally-owned state-number routes. Projects are selected based on pavement condition data, the proportion of state numbered routes in poor condition in a municipality, and geographic equity.

Municipal Small Bridge Program, which provides financial assistance to cities and towns for small bridge replacement, preservation, and rehabilitation projects. To be eligible, bridges must be on a local public way and must be on the State Bridge Inventory with a span between 10 and 20 feet.

Rural Roadway Funding

Program, which distributes funds to all 351 municipalities using a formula based on local road mileage, municipal population, and rurality.

Complete Streets Fund

ing Program, which provides funding for municipalities to build infrastructure for "complete streets" projects that support travel for everyone whether they walk, bicycle, take public transportation, or drive.

Municipal Bus Enhance

ment Program, which provides grant funding to build out infrastructure related to mass transit by bus.

Mass Transit Access

Grant Program, which provides grants for design and construction im

provements to access commuter rail stations or other mass transit stations, such as parking lots, drop-off and pick-up zones, bicycle storage infrastructure, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Municipal/Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Electric Vehicle (EV) Grant Program, which provides grants to RTAs and municipalities for the purchase of electric vehicles and related charging equipment.

The governor signed the bill in Melrose alongside Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, Administration and Finance Secretary Matthew Gorzkowicz, Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt, and Mayor Jennifer Grigoraitis.

Melrose has been using Chapter 90 funding to support several road improvement projects on Main Street. The updated construction work will include new concrete sidewalks and new granite upgrades and replacement of the existing asphalt sidewalk. Melrose will be receiving over \$520,000 in funding for these projects.

"Chapter 90 funds give towns and cities the chance to improve the safety, function and beauty of our local neighborhoods and local transportation infrastructure," said Melrose Mayor Jen Grigoraitis. "The additional Chapter 90 funding in the law signed today will make a world of difference for cities like Melrose and enable us to continue to pursue proactive and high-impact improvements to local roads and routes."

Upcoming local events

May 9, Dine Out for TMHS Boys Tennis at Café Sicilia, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., order in or take out. A portion of your purchase will be donated to the team.

May 10, Senior Safety Seminar with Senator Barry Finegold. 10 - 11 a.m., Tewksbury Senior Center. Learn about scam prevention and emergency management preparedness.

May 11, Power of Flowers Project Bloom Festival 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Grow Greenhouses, 1 Greenhouse Road, Tewksbury. Purchase a wide variety of annuals, perennials, locally created artisan goods, garden novelty items, and other unique gifts. Take a chance to win a \$250 gift card to

Mahoney's Garden Centers. For more information visit pofproject.org

May 11, Friends of the Library Book Donation event, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Bring your gently used books for resale to benefit the Friends. No encyclopedias, dictionaries, or textbooks please. No moldy items.

May 11, Shawsheen Tech Spring Fling Communi

ty Fair, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.,

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ness, craft vendors, raf

fles and more. 300 Cook

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May 12, Bambino Base

ball, East Street baseball

fields, 11:30 a.m. Open to

special ability players

from all communities.

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every Sunday except for weather. Free. tewksburyyouthbaseball.org until June 23.

May 15, Dine Out at Mac's Dairy Farm to benefit the Friends of the Library. Mention the Friends all day.

May 18, Tewksbury Gar

den Club Plant Sale, 9

a.m. - 2 p.m., on the

grounds of the Tewks

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June 8, Tewksbury His

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Book Stew Review

'Disoriental' by Nejar Djavadi

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This historical fiction, inspired by the author's own life, is based on a large patriarchal Iranian family (including uncles 1-8) including educated parents who despise the Shah and the Muslim revolutionaries in equal measure, and who suffer the fates of most outspoken activists: exile and death.

Sara and Darius, the parents of three daughters, are attacked in Tehran by SAVAK and take refuge in the family's rural compound, a paradise for

youngest daughter Kimya, the narrator, who yearns to play with the boy cousins, but raises eyebrows and suspicions of her sexuality.

A harrowing escape through Turkey and Kurdistan, via hiking and horseback, reunites the family in Paris, but the agents of the Islamic revolution are everywhere, even in the guise of loving cousins.

Kimya's evolution into a music venue professional, partner to Anna, and potential mother is a surprising, beautifully recounted journey.

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OBITUARIES

Carl Hoken Jensen

Volunteered as parking attendant at PMC

Carl Hoken Jensen, a life-long resident of Wilmington passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on April 29, 2024.

Born in Malden on July 17, 1942, he was the son of the late Hoken and Anna (Elvin) Jensen.

Carl was raised in Wilmington around Silver Lake. As a teenager, he would rent boats to people vacationing on the lake. He loved being a townie and talking about old time Wilmington.

He met the love of his life Barbara Jewer while in high school and the couple married on June 27, 1964. They raised their two children in Wilmington.

Carl had a great work ethic. He worked as a supervisor in shipping and receiving for Continental Resources for 45 years. He would often lead the horseshoe games at the company outings. He remained close friends with many of his work colleagues.

Carl loved his family more than anything. When his children were younger, he would take them along with his nieces and nephews to the beach every chance he had. He loved camping with his family and time on his boat fishing in the ocean.

He loved day trips to Ogunquit, Maine and Gloucester with his grandchildren. He considered opening day at the Clam Box in Ipswich to be an annual holiday. He and Barbara looked forward to that day all winter long.

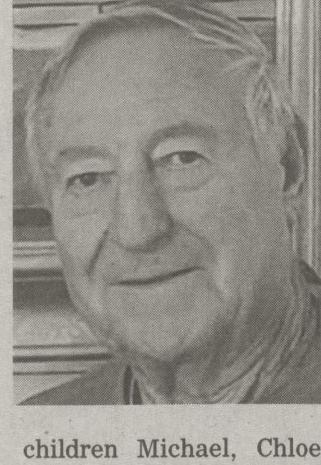
He immensely enjoyed the tradition of Sunday dinners with all the family together. His happy place was in his backyard planting flowers and gardening with Barbara. They would often listen to his favorite song "It's a Wonderful World" on replay while swinging on the outdoor loveseat.

Carl was loved by everyone. He volunteered as a parking attendant at the Pan Mass Challenge for 14 years offering encouraging words and support to the riders and his favorite team "The Flying Henrys."

He enjoyed spending time at his daughter's pool and playing cornhole at cookouts with anyone who would play.

Carl was the beloved husband of almost 60 years to his cherished wife Barbara (Jewer) Jensen. Devoted father to Sherry Iuliano and her husband Doug, Joyanne Collins and her husband Scott, and his late infant daughter, Hope Jensen and son Carl H. Jensen Jr.

Known as Pa to his grand-



children Michael, Chloe and Andy. He considered Stephen Delaney and his wife Ellyn like a son and daughter-in-law.

He was fondly known as Papa Carl to Aaden, Addison, and Avery LeBlanc.

Carl was the brother of Norma Jensen, the late Robert Jensen, Anna Galvin, and Sandra Jensen.

The dear brother-in-law of Robert Jewer and his late wife Gloria, Shirley Guiffre and her late husband Butch, the late Tootie Jensen and husband Robert, James Jewer and Lester Jewer.

Carl was the godfather of Paul Guiffre. The dear friend of the late Henry Dewing. Carl is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

At Carl's request, there will be no wake or funeral services.

Barbara (Loring) Sullivan Founded Wilmington League of Women Voters

Barbara (Loring) Sullivan, age 96, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2024.

Barbara was born in Weymouth on April 17, 1928; she was the dear daughter of the late George M. and Marie E. (Lewis) Loring. Barbara was raised and educated in Hingham; graduating from Hingham High School with the Class of 1945.

Following her graduation from high school she went on to study nursing and graduated from Quincy City Hospital School of Nursing. Barbara went right to work in the Obstetrical Department at Quincy City Hospital where she cared for her patients and their families for several years before she married and had a family of her own.

Barbara married Henry F. Sullivan of Middleboro on Nov. 18, 1950; the couple moved to Hathaway Acres in Wilmington in 1956 where they raised three wonderful daughters.

Barbara loved her home and her new neighborhood; throughout the years she enjoyed tending to her gardens and visiting with her neighbors.

Barbara was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother; she looked forward to the time she spent with her grandchildren, and she beamed with pride as she spoke of her family and their accomplishments.

Barbara's passion for learning and helping those in need never waned. As her daughters pursued their education, so did she, earning a B.S. degree in Sociology and Social Work from Northeastern University in 1971, followed by a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1981.

Barbara was employed by the Massachusetts De-

partment of Mental Health in Child/Adolescent Services from 1970-1989.

Barbara was dedicated to social issues including health care reform, and was politically active to affect positive change. She had a soft spot for the "underdog" and she fought tirelessly to give everyone a chance at life.

Barbara advocated with conviction for not only her patients but people in general who needed assistance through the mental health care system. She was also very active throughout the years in the conflict resolution field, serving as a board member of the Consortium for Peace Research, Education, and Development and the Coordinator of the Conflict Resolution section of that organization.

Barbara volunteered her time and talents in her community as well as her state; she founded the Wilmington League of Women Voters (LWV) in 1961, serving as president at four times through the years, and on a state level as chair of the Massachusetts LWV Health Care Committee active until her health declined.

She was a member of the Wilmington Conservation Commission from 1982-1986 where she did her research and made recommendations for environmental issues throughout the town. She truly cared about her community and her fellow citizens.

Following her retirement, Barbara remained actively involved in several advocacy organizations dealing with health care and human services reform, and environmental issues. Her unwavering convictions and tireless dedication touched countless lives.

Barbara's legacy includes her efforts to make the world a better place, and the remarkable family she



leaves behind.

Barbara was the beloved wife of the late Henry F. Sullivan, devoted mother of the late Patricia A. Sullivan, Janet M. McGinley of Boxford, and Nancy J. Sullivan of Brookline.

Loving "Gram" of Brian McGinley and wife Christie, Timothy McGinley and partner Wanda Mattos, Patricia Sterner and husband Rob, Colleen McGinley and husband Dwayne Burrell, Craig McGinley, and great-grandmother of Charles, Timothy, Bradley, Brandon, Marien, Nora, Lydia, Mabel, Rose, and Grace.

Dear sister of Dorothy Bartlett, Jean Lawton, Ruth McFarland, Robert Loring, and the late George Loring. Barbara is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, May 6 from 6 - 8 p.m. A Memorial Service to celebrate Barbara's life will take place in the Chapel at Brooksby Village, Peabody, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's memory may be made to the United States Institute of Peace, 2301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20037.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Dianne L. (Smith) Savosik

Traveled around the world more than once

Dianne L. (Smith) Savosik, fondly known as "Dumma" to family and friends, passed away unexpectedly on May 5, 2024, at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington; she was 81 years old.

Dianne was born on Oct. 5, 1942, in Chelsea; she was the cherished only child to the late Lebaron and Lorraine (Kiejna) Smith. Dianne was raised in Chelsea where she attended St. Stanislaw Catholic School for elementary and middle school and went on to graduate from Cardinal Cushing High School in South Boston with the class of 1959.

Dianne had a great thirst for knowledge, and she wanted to make a difference in the world; following graduation she went on to continue her education at the Carney Hospital School of Nursing where she graduated as a Registered Nurse and started a long and rewarding career.

Dianne had a passion for nursing along with an endearing personality and huge heart; all attributes that made her successful in her field. Throughout the years Dianne worked at several hospitals in the Boston area before taking a nursing position at St. John's Hospital in Lowell for much of her career.

Prior to retiring, Dianne finished her career at the Aberjona and Winchester Nursing Care facilities for several years. Dianne's unwavering devotion to her patients and their families was evident in everything she did; she treated them as her own family.

Dianne married "her sweetheart and best friend" Bill Savosik on Oct. 1, 1963; the couple moved "up country" from Chelsea to Wilmington in 1973 where they raised a beautiful family.

Dianne's door was always open; she was an amazing cook who loved to entertain and have her house full of family and friends. Dianne was a very devoted wife, mother, and grandmother; she was always there to help her family no matter what they needed.

Dianne cherished her role as "Dumma" to her three grandchildren; they were her pride and joy. Dianne enjoyed having great conversations (no texting) and spent as much time with them as



she could.

In her spare time, Dianne loved to garden; she created beautiful flower gardens, and she enjoyed her plants as well. Dianne had a soft spot for animals; she tended to her fish tanks, spoiled her dog Snickers, and she took in and cared for every stray pet her children brought home no matter what the species.

Dianne always proclaimed that she could have worked for the local veterinarian.

Dianne also loved to knit and crochet beautiful blankets for family and friends; gifts that will be treasured for a lifetime.

Dianne's adventurous spirit led to many memorable trips and vacations with Bill, her family, and friends. Dianne and Bill traveled around the world more than once; some of their more memorable trips included Greece, Alaska, Poland, Spain, Portugal, the Canadian Rockies, several Cruises, and her favorite trip was to Africa. Dianne loved to see new places, meet new people, experience different customs, and make countless family memories.

Dianne will be fondly remembered as a wonderful lady with a spunky personality; she was not afraid to try new things. She was a "dancing machine" who was always the last to leave the dance floor at every family party and she enjoyed watching everyone have fun. Dianne was also kind, caring, and helpful towards everyone; she had a heart of gold.

Dianne was a great mentor and friend to many throughout her lifetime and she will forever be loved by all.

Dianne was the beloved wife of William Savosik, devoted mother of Marc Savosik and wife Dianna of Wilmington, Bryan Savosik of Mansfield, and Jenifer Savosik and companion Tom Ogden of Tewksbury.

Loving grandmother of Richard Herson Jr. and wife Ashley of Hudson, NH, Kayla Slavin of North Andover, and Alyssa Slavin of Wilmington.

Dear sister-in-law of Peter Savosik and his late wife Peggy of Peyton, CO, the late Dennis Savosik and his wife Kathy of Wilmington, and the late Dorothy Ebert and her hus-

band George of Wilmington.

Dianne is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and she was very fond of her late pup Snicker.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, May 10 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Thomas Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at 10 a.m. Visiting Hours will take place at the Funeral Home on Thursday, May 9 from 4 - 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Dianne's memory to the St. Joseph's Indian School, 1301 N. Main St., Chamberlain, SD 57325.

To leave a message of condolence please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Daley recognized for academic excellence

EASTON — Gideon Daley, a member of Stonehill College's Class of 2024 from Tewksbury, was recently honored with a certificate of achievement in Political Science & International Studies at the 2024 Scholars Celebration, held Tuesday, April 30.

Visit Stonehill College's website for more about this year's Scholars Celebration.

About Stonehill College Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 387-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

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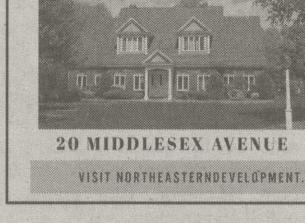
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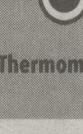
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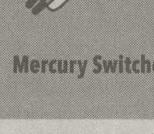
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Owen Fitzpatrick	2026
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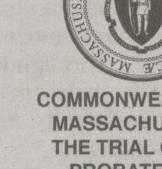
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Heidi M Devlin of Tewksbury a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Heidi M Devlin of Tewksbury has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative or the Court. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. MI24C0390CA

In the matter of:
Antonio-Jose Ribeiro Cerqueira

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Antonio-Jose Ribeiro Cerqueira of Tewksbury MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree changing their name to:
Anthony Joesph Cerqueira

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/24/2024.

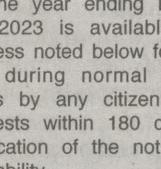
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WITNESS: Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 26, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

Docket No. MI16P2166GD

In the Interests of:
Raymond T Trimmer, Jr.
of Tewksbury, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/
Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by T

Kane honored at Student Life Awards

EASTON — Hayden Kane, a member of Stonehill College's Class of 2025 from Wilmington, was recently honored at the institution's Student Life

Awards, held Sunday, April 28, 2024. Each year, this program celebrates campus community members for their outstanding contributions to the bet-

terment of Stonehill.

For more information on the 2024 Student Life Awards, visit Stonehill College's website.

Town Meeting questions need for stabilization fund at Shawsheen

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save only five percent of the annual budget in an excess and deficiency fund at the end of the year, and everything else must be returned to the communities.

They also can't collect any interest on the unspent funds currently.

The creation of this fund would allow additional funds to be saved because they could move money here from the excess and deficiency fund. McIntosh explained that the money could only be moved to the stabilization fund with the approval of each town's Finance Committee or through the budgetary process to Town Meeting.

The Tech School Committee would control the spending of the money in the new fund. He suggested some necessary improvements that it could be used for upcoming including heating, power, lights, and ventilation.

Select Board member Frank West asked for the reasons behind the Finance Committee's recommendation of disapproval for this article. Finance Committee member Marianne Gallezzo explained that they took issue with the funds shifting to the approval of the Tech School Committee as opposed to Town Meeting.

McIntosh specified that the transfer of money is still approved by Town Meeting, it's only the spending approved by the vote of the Tech School Committee. While he added that they weren't planning to use the funds to do something like create a new building, he did say they had applied to the MSBA.

He went on to explain that the number of stu-

dents enrolled was above the original capacity for which the building was built, and they lacked space to bring on new programs. He also mentioned the main switch gear which was the same age as the school and would cost \$1.5 million to replace if it breaks.

Kevin O'Grady asked what amount of money they were requesting be put in and what the other four communities had voted for relative to the creation of the fund. McIntosh said they weren't asking to move any money into the fund at this time, and that only Bedford had approved, as the rest of the votes had yet to take place.

Karen West asked to confirm that currently any money over the permitted five percent is returned to the towns, and McIntosh agreed that this is the case.

Susan Stewart asked why capital items aren't simply placed into the overall budget. McIntosh described efforts to do so, but also said that the capital items requests were increasing and there was a desire to plan for the unexpected. Finance Committee member Theresa Manganelli maintained that these items should go through the normal budget process.

Stephen Turner wondered if the town would be expected to pay more toward the budget if they vote against the fund, and McIntosh explained that the Town Meeting vote on the fund wouldn't affect the community assessment. Turner also asked whether the fund had to be approved by all five towns. The answer McIntosh gave was that it only has to pass in four of the five towns to be permitted.

Judy O'Connell acknowledged the valuable part-

nership the town has with the Tech. She suggested that Wilmington residents on the Tech School Committee would oversee the spending of the funds. However, she shared a concern for a large dollar amount being put in this fund instead of going back to the town.

Another resident pointed out there are Wilmington residents on the Tech School Committee who they can trust to make good decisions with Wilmington's money.

The applicant promised that the intent would not be to create a secret fund, and McIntosh reiterated that transfers into the stabilization fund had to be approved by Town Meeting. He also added there would be no limit to what can be contributed to this fund over time.

He described that the school is unable to change the five percent limit to the excess and deficiency fund, and they are limited to the budget projection proposed at the beginning of the year. This fund would allow more flexibility.

Attorney Mark Reich stated that the law says that the stabilization fund can include an amount not exceeding five percent of the aggregate amount apportioned to member municipalities for the preceding year or larger amount approved by DESE. This aggregate amount could not exceed five percent of the budget.

Suzanne Sullivan commented that she saw the difficulty of getting a capital project approved by five towns and she was willing to support the streamlining of that process.

The article passed with just 62 votes in favor and 59 votes against.

Town Meeting questions new zone

MBTA FROM PAGE 1

Several residents commented about the unfair way in which the state was forcing towns to make these changes. Some questioned the "humanity" of this law being passed. Another resident compared the state's actions to extortion and suggested that the rejection of the zone would show the state government that Wilmington would not be forced into creating this district overlay.

Kevin O'Grady suggested that the law wasn't truly intended to make housing more affordable, because there was no requirement for the units to be affordable, and instead it might be an attempt to increase MBTA ridership. He also called the law discriminatory.

M.J. Byrnes questioned the financial impact to the town of creating this zone. She also suggested it would be risky to vote on this now when there were proposed amendments to the law.

She asked if the law would supersede any EPA or state laws about wetlands, and Gingrich answered that it would not.

Michael McCoy said, "Some people say this is progress; I say this is an invasion of our community."

Proponents of the zone agreed that the town's plan was minimally impactful to the town.

Temporary Town Manager Lou Cimiglia highlighted Wilmington's re-

liance on state grants.

Kevin MacDonald also expressed concern about losing state aid and informed the audience that the town has until the end of the year to make the required changes. He supposed that the town's affordable projects within the zone could forego their affordability under this zoning, which Gingrich corrected explaining that the zone was designed to keep these buildings noncompliant so that they would need to have affordable units.

Nicholas Golden suggested that the zone didn't go far enough. He urged young people to support the zone due to the housing crisis. He said that it would take a generation for the 1,248 units to be truly built.

"It's entirely irresponsible to get into a lawsuit with the Commonwealth," he said.

Scott Oglesby said that this zone was a step in the right direction, but he wanted to see even better solutions in the future to provide housing that is affordable for the younger generations.

Representative Dave Robertson also spoke up in support for the possibility of helping to plateau prices to allow younger people an opportunity to purchase starter homes. He mentioned that Wilmington regularly shifts the burden of the tax levy to commercial units, and local taxes were largely driven by the cost of housing.

Emma Battaglia stated

that developers would have to pay out of pocket where there isn't adequate infrastructure for their proposed developments, and this would not be the responsibility of the residents.

"I see this as something that's really investing in our people and our future," she said.

Jennifer Binelli suggested to the community that voting no in this case would only punish the town and not send the message to the state that the town was angry about the legislation.

Residents ultimately voted for the district overlay proposal to be referred to the Planning Board in anticipation of any updates from the state, based on a motion made by Robert Peterson. He proposed that more time would allow for any amendments to the law to come through.

Several residents who commented agreed that the Planning Board would only be able to rework the zone if updates are passed, as the proposal was as modest and appropriate as it could be.

Planning Board Chair Terri Boland also mentioned that he hadn't heard any feedback on the substance of the proposal but only that many residents didn't want to see the zone be created in general.

Peterson's motion passed with 131 in favor and 110 votes against.

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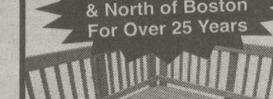
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Town Meeting approved \$600K for fire station feasibility study

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MSBA, senior center, and town hall/administration projects; agreements with banks; sewer systems; money for PEG and cable access; funds for the 4th of July and Memorial Day ceremonies; money for the VFW and American Legion clubhouse; and compost and subsurface sewage disposal funds.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand provided the update on the Wildwood MSBA project, where he mentioned the context of the ages of all the town's schools and the narrowing of the options for grade consolidation at the new school. He also played a video detailing the process and some of the needs of the school including significant landscape, drainage, thermal envelope, system infrastructure, and compliance issues.

George Hooper shared an update on the town hall/school administration and senior center building projects. He stated that the senior center project broke ground in October and there are no issues so

far as construction continues. For the town hall/school administration building, they had scheduled site work to start later this month following a ground-breaking and hoped to complete the project by July of 2025.

Following the recommendation of temporary Town Manager Lou Cimiglia, residents voted not to adopt the article proposing funds be set aside to pay unpaid bills.

They voted in favor of a proposal for \$135,000 to rehabilitate the culvert at 340 Ballardvale St. An amendment was made to take the money out of free cash instead of the tax levy, but the amendment failed.

A request for \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the Lowell Street fields recreation area improvements was also approved. DPW Director Jamie Magaldi explained that this would be an advanced study to consider things like resources and the possibility of connecting to Yentile Farms, as they had already established that they could reuse the exist-

ing soils.

\$600,000 was approved for the feasibility study for a North Wilmington fire substation. Cimiglia stated that the project does not yet have an identified location.

Kevin MacDonald asked why the town's building inspector and engineering department couldn't do the feasibility study in-house, and the response explained that this is the required procurement process.

Residents approved money to be set aside for the installation of a fiber connection at the senior center, town hall/school ad-

ministration building, and 4th of July building. They also approved the use of funds related to the firing range.

Regarding the phased cemetery development, Suzanne Sullivan asked additional trees be planted and suggested the amount be increased higher than \$60,000, but Magaldi confirmed that he could do so without increasing the funds.

Residents also approved the rezoning of the land known as Edgeworth Street — corrected during Town Meeting from how it was printed in the warrant

booklet as Edgewood Street — from R-60 to R-20. Kristen Costa stated that the owner of the parcel would offer to improve the site if they were allowed by the town to rezone and then subdivide the lot.

One resident commented that this would enhance the area for existing residents.

The petitioner for the proposed rezoning of a few parcels from general business to general industrial provided a letter with intent not to move forward, so this article was passed over.

There was also an article

to sell the parcel at 0 Molloy Road if deemed surplus, but in this case the town did not declare the parcel surplus, and so article 34 was also passed over.

Residents later approved money to be spent on the replacement of a pump station for Industrial Way and the acceptance of Green Meadow Drive.

Cimiglia thanked residents and department heads for being present at the meeting to vote and participate that day, along with the town moderator for his volunteer efforts.

Residents note increasing Shawsheen Tech budget

BUDGET FROM PAGE 1

years' school department budgets, and the answer explained that these funds revert back to the town's free cash account.

Another resident commented about the large number of students who choose to leave the Wilmington school system. They asked for the school district to provide increased accountability and outreach to those students who choose to leave.

Former School Committee member M.J. Byrnes replied saying that the School Committee and the district are transparent about the spending of funds and they do reach out to students who leave the district. She commented that the school budget is level-funded.

John Tothe asked for the most recent number of students staying in Wilmington as opposed to going to the Shawsheen Tech. School Committee Chair David Ragsdale confirmed the retention rate from 8th to 9th grade this past year was 75 percent and the previous year was 71 percent.

Jennifer Binelli commented that it makes sense to spend more money to in-

crease the performance and retention rate at Wilmington schools.

MacDonald asked about the process for over expended amounts for the Shawsheen Tech during this section. Shawsheen Tech Superintendent Tony McIntosh explained that they are allowed to keep five percent of the unspent funds in an excess and deficiency fund, and the rest has to be returned to the five communities at the end of the year.

Residents also noted that the Shawsheen Tech budget had increased, which McIntosh said was partly related to number of students attending and in line with the increase of the Wilmington school district budget this past year at 3.75 percent.

MacDonald later asked about the totals in the sewer and water accounts relative to the maturity debt and interest budget, and the number was not known by appropriate representatives.

Fire Chief Bill Cavanaugh clarified in response to another question that the town's insurance bill wasn't going up in relation to the totaling of an ambulance.

Proposed funds were ap-

proved for the replacement or purchasing of an elderly services handicap van, fire department ambulance, DPW replacement vactor truck, DPW heavy duty front end loader, DPW heavy duty baseball infield groomer, public buildings Ford F550, public buildings Ford Maverick, and school department handicap accessible minivan.

The school department capital items approved included classroom projectors at the high school, network switches at the high school, replacement of wireless access points at the high school, and the replacement and updates of Chromebooks.

Linda Tothe asked why there are annual electronic replacements for the schools. Director of Technology Ken Lord explained that these are spread out over the five-year capital plan by building, so they are not all replaced at once. He also shared that the classroom projectors and network switches being replaced were purchased when the new high school opened in 2015, and they were reaching the end of their life spans.

Residents also voted in favor of moving money for the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund in the amount of \$1 million, capital stabilization fund \$1 million, and \$1.5 million for the Middlesex retirement system. The town's representative said that the total in the OPEB account was \$14.3 million, and there was \$3.7 million in the capital stabilization fund.

An article proposed money be transferred into various line items from the previous year budget as necessary, but the motion was made and approved instead to pass over this article. Money was approved to be set aside for the DPW sewer division enterprise.

Residents agreed to rescind the establishment of a special opioid settlement fund for the town. Attorney Mark Reich explained concerning this matter that the state established a new process whereby this stabilization fund requiring Town Meeting approval for use of funds was not necessary, as the new state process allowed the use of a special revenue fund. Its use is still restricted to purposes related to opioid addiction.

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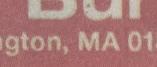
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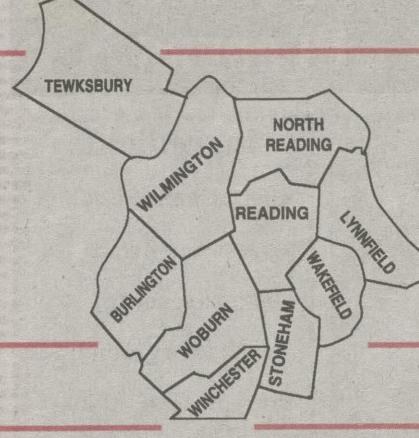


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By MICHELLE VISCO

On Saturday, April 27, 2024, 8-year-old Winchester cancer survivor and warrior Calista Scribner was honored at the 521 Overlook at Fenway Park. Scribner is a Jimmy Fund patient and Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) Pedal Partner, which are pediatric patients at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Jimmy Fund Clinic who are paired with PMC riders and teams. She and her family got to meet the cyclists riding in her honor during the 45th PMC on Aug. 3-4.

A “warrior” is what her mother Jenn calls her brave daughter after she has been fighting a blood cancer called B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, or B-Cell ALL, since last summer. She was formally diagnosed on July 29, 2023. Calista, originally from Woburn, has three supportive brothers who have been instrumental in caring for her during this time. Caleb (12), Calen (11) and Calex (7).

Prior to her diagnosis she was very active and adored anything outdoors and adventurous. She played for the Islanders hockey club program as a goalie and also participated in JAG Cheer, a cheerleading program in Woburn. She loved being outside, at parks, all things trampoline and amusement rides, and water parks. She was born a beach baby and loves swimming in the waves or in the pool.

For the past nine months, treatment has been harsh on her body, physically and emotionally. She’s overcome her fear of needles through multiple port accesses, lab draws, and injections as well as had many transfusions for blood and platelets. Calista has learned to advocate for herself and understands the medications and side effects. She continues to use her voice and advocate for herself on every level to ensure maximum support on her difficult journey.

Calista’s mom recalls that just after Calista’s eighth birthday, in early July, her behavior was off and very unlike her easy-going demeanor. The spring and early summer presented with many strep and tonsillitis infections and the plan was to have her tonsils removed in early September. Mom commented that as the month progressed, things became stranger with random leg and lower back soreness at night, and simple things like brushing her hair, caused discomfort and shoulder pain. As parents, they attributed many of these as summer fatigue and growing pains.

The week before diagnosis, she developed a low-grade fever and ear pain which prompted a trip to the pediatrician for what they thought was swimmers’ ear. Calista was prescribed ear drops and a strep test was done to ensure another infection wasn’t

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CANCER SURVIVOR AND WARRIOR - Winchester resident 8-year old Calista Scribner (second from left) and her brothers at Fenway Park.

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt are great fun in 'The Fall Guy'



FALLING FOR YOU - Emily Blunt, right, and Ryan Gosling in a scene from "The Fall Guy" released by Universal Pictures.

(Universal Pictures via AP)

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

One of the worst movie sins is when a comedy fails to at least match the natural charisma of its stars. Not all actors are capable of being effortlessly witty without a tightly crafted script and some excellent direction and editing. But Ryan Gosling and Emily Blunt seem, at least from afar, adept at that game. Just look at their charming press tour for "The Fall Guy." Theirs is the kind of fun banter that can be a little worrisome — what if their riffing is better than the movie?

It comes as a great relief, then, that "The Fall Guy" lives up to its promise. Here is a delightful blend of action, comedy and romance that will make the audience feel like a Hollywood insider for a few hours (although there are perhaps one too

many jokes about Comic-Con and Hall H).

Loosely based on the 1980s Lee Majors television series about a stuntman who made some extra cash on the side bounty hunting, Gosling takes up the mantle of said stunt guy, Colt Seavers.

Colt is a workaday stunt performer and longtime go-to for a major movie star, Tom Ryder (Aaron Taylor-Johnson). Tom is the kind of deeply egotistical and self-conscious A-lister who tells everyone he does his own stunts and worries out loud about Colt's jawline being distractingly softer than his. I think the word "potato" is

thrown around as a descriptor. Taylor-Johnson has quite a bit of fun playing up all his eccentricities that you hope, and fear, are at least somewhat inspired by real horror stories of stars behaving badly.

The film comes from di-

rector David Leitch, the Brad Pitt stuntman and stunt coordinator who helped bring "John Wick" to the world and directed "Atomic Blonde" and "Bullet Train." He's a guy who not only has the vision and know-how to bring the best in stunts to films and make them pop, but also has a vested interest in putting them in the spotlight. Forget the Oscar, how about just any acknowledgement? Perhaps "The Fall Guy" is just one tiny step on the path to making audiences more aware of some of the behind-the-scenes people who really make movies better and risk it all to do so.

It's revealing that the movie starts with Colt suffering a terrible injury on a set. The stunt that goes wrong is one he's just done and doesn't seem remotely nervous about. The film cuts to his recovery and semi-reclusive retirement until he

phase of treatment where they try to put the cancer in remission.

When Calista was able to come home, treatments were completed outpatient through Dana Farber Jimmy Fund Clinic. Mom said bringing Calista home was very difficult as you have a very sick child, with a port in place in her chest, and no nursing background. It was a very stressful time for the entire family.

She and Calista's Dad, Paul, had previously made an agreement when Calista was in the hospital, primarily with mom, to keep the three boys lives at home as "normal and routine" as possible. Not an easy task, given treatment at that time meant more in-patient treatments along the way, but support from their families, especially their nieces and nephews, made it less chaotic and more manageable.

Mom noted that it was through support, from so many, that made the most difficult parts possible. Siblings and friends visited her in the hospital almost daily. In fact, her closest friends rallied when Calista was losing her hair.

Although difficult coming home, mom praised Dana Farber stating that any questions they had were answered thoroughly and promptly and no matter what hour they called they were treated with respect and understanding. For Calista, coming home meant being with her brothers, mom and dad and her two dogs, Charlie and Cocoa, as well as her brand-new puppy Cleo!

Calista was progressing nicely through treatment through the summer and into the fall. She had completed Prophage and Induction 1A and moved forward with Induction 1B. She completed the CNS (Central Nervous System) Phase of Consolidation in which she underwent four Lumbar Punctures with intrathecal chemotherapy in 11 days.

On Halloween, she began another cycle and as days went on her symptoms of headaches seemed different to her parents. She complained more and the headaches were so severe she was crying from them. At her next treatment, they informed the team and without hesitation the team ordered an MRI explaining that although a rarer side effect, one of the chemotherapy's she needed for treatment caused blood clots.

After arriving back at the clinic a few hours after the MRI, the family was told Calista would need to go in-patient again.

• SCRIBNER FROM B-1

brewing. About 24 hours later, Calista was brought to the local emergency room as she was suffering from severe lower back and stomach pain. The family thought it could be her appendix, but she was deemed a non-surgical candidate and sent home, with no lab work done at that time.

That same evening, more intense back pain persisted and Calista's ability to move her arm and neck became difficult. Another call was placed after hours and a virtual evaluation was done. After the evaluation, it was decided that she would be seen again at the office first thing on Thursday, but if anything worsened to go directly to the local emergency room.

The next morning, she was seen. The low-grade fever continued but her ability to lift her left arm was not possible. She presented with enlarged lymph nodes and an enlarged spleen. Everyone agreed that lab work was needed as well as an x-ray to rule out any breaks. In the hours that passed, results of her labs were coming in, as well as a clean x-ray. Many illnesses were ruled out.

Later in the evening on Friday, as further lab results came in, mom noticed information in her portal regarding abnormal cells and that her lab work would be sent out for "Flow Cytometry." After some research into the language used within her hematology report and her symptoms, another call was placed to her pediatrician first thing Saturday morning.

Mom, dad, and her pediatrician's office believed that going to Boston Children's Hospital was best. Calista was admitted on Saturday morning and had confirmed lab reports by 2:15 p.m. and admitted to the Oncology Floor directly from the ER.

Mom knew all month that something was wrong, but never expected it to be leukemia. At home, they left their three other boys with a babysitter, never expecting to be admitted for more than a day, let alone 4-6 weeks. Mom commented that the whole day was a whirlwind of doctors coming in and out, explaining everything step by step. Although in complete shock and worry, she said that they felt lucky and blessed to be in Boston with the team members and experienced care they could provide.

Calista's treatments began immediately and she remained in the hospital from July 29 through Aug. 24 as part of the induction

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- 1/4 cup chopped tomato (1 or 2 small)



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1. Heat oven to 350°F. In 2-quart saucepan, heat 6 cups water to boiling. Add bell pepper halves; boil 5 minutes or until slightly softened. Drain; set aside.

2. Meanwhile, in 8-inch nonstick skillet, cook ground turkey and onion over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until turkey is no longer pink; drain. Stir in taco seasoning mix, kidney beans and

tomato sauce. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3. In ungreased 8-inch square (2-quart) glass baking dish, arrange pepper halves. Spoon turkey mixture evenly into each.

4. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until peppers are tender. Top individual servings with sour cream, cheese and tomato.

gets a call from Tom's producer Gail (a delightfully over-the-top Hannah Waddingham) begging Colt to come back for a new film.

They need him, she pleads, as does his longtime crush Jody (Blunt), who is making her directorial debut. She waits to inform him that Tom is missing and he's the one who has to find him. On the quest, Colt encounters tough-guy goons, enablers, a sword-wielding actress, and a dead body on ice that all lead up to something big and rotten.

And like a selfless stunt guy, he does it all out of sight of Jody — trying his best to save her movie without giving her something extra to worry about. Nothing about it is particularly plausible, but it's not hard to

get on board for the ride, and much of that is because of Gosling.

While he's not quite underappreciated for his comedic timing, especially after "Barbie," it's fun to get to see him really embrace and lean into the goofiness — whether it's crying and singing along to Taylor Swift's "All Too Well" or quoting movie lines to his stunt coordinator pal (Winston Duke, always a good addition) in the midst of an actual fight.

There is something very juvenile and sweet about Jody and Colt's will-they-won't-they romance, with its mix of attraction, banter, misunderstandings and hurt feelings. It was a genius stroke to cast these two op-

posite each other and it leaves you wanting more scenes with the two.

Working with a script from Drew Pearce ("Hobbs & Shaw"), Leitch packs the film with wall-to-wall action, in both the film's movie sets and its real world. And with the self-referential humor, the industry jokes and the promise of a little romance, it feels like one of those movies we all complain they don't make anymore.

"The Fall Guy," a Universal Picture release in theaters Friday, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "action and violence, drug content and some strong language." Running time: 126 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Calista was placed on blood thinners two times a day through injection as a blood clot in the brain was found. At this point treatment was paused and then was paused again after she contracted pneumonia. Once she was well enough they resumed.

Calista remains on blood thinners twice a day per injection. As mom stated, there is currently no oral pediatric blood thinner option for her that has been FDA approved. Calista has to remain on the blood thinners so that she can complete the 10 doses of chemotherapy needed within this phase. Since the medication can stay in her system for up to six weeks, she will continue to take them until her doses are complete, which they hope to be around June 18.

Being on blood thinners comes with even more restrictions for young Calista, as activities she used to love are out of reach now and her fear of falling, getting cut, or bloody noses has increased an already anxious and sick Calista.

As far as Calista's treatment, she receives a multitude of chemotherapy every three weeks, if her counts will allow: she begins each cycle with three IV chemo therapies in her port, followed by five days of steroids, and 14 days of oral chemotherapy. She receives chemotherapy weekly through her port each Tuesday within the cycle. Her prognosis is good and she remains in the low risk category.

She will continue treatment until July or August of 2025. The family will take things one day at a time, and one week at a time. Calista, mom and dad are proud of her brothers for caring so deeply for not only their sister, but their friend. Each and every day they walk this journey with her and have such profound impact on her permanence. The Scribner family will continue to celebrate milestones within

treatment as they come along together as a family.

As for the PMC, Calista is excited for her first year as a PMC Pedal Partner and is supported by Team Beachcomber. Jared Jackson will be riding in her honor this August and Calista and her family plan to be there at the end. Jackson reached out to the family as he found them through a community member as all of their children skate for the Islanders Hockey Club.

The family is grateful for Jackson as he is allowing them to support Pan Mass and tell Calista's story. Donations can be made at <https://profile.pmc.org/JJ0063>. Calista and her family will be supporting the team by hosting a 3:3 hockey tournament for the kids and a day/night out for Calista locally, in addition to spreading the word for those that are also making efforts to raise money on her team.

Calista is very much looking forward to the summer weather at the beach, riding her bike, swimming, being with friends/family and enjoying the nice days of summer. She also looks forward to spending time with her puppies, Charlie, Cocoa, and Cleo. One of her puppies recently had a birthday and Calista celebrated by making cupcakes!

She loves animals and would love to have a puppy day in clinic. She will be back at school in September for third grade. Calista and her family are very blessed for their treatment in Boston. The team members provide a level of care that is not only knowledgeable but compassionate and understanding, too. Her family continues to remain inspired by her ability to persevere through such a difficult illness and journey as well as all of the warriors that walk alongside her.

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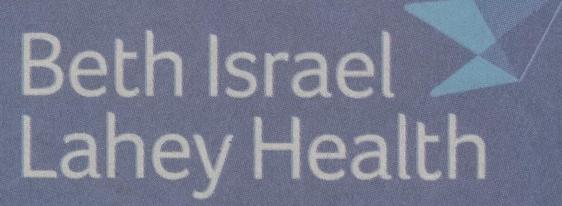
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Tewksbury Police Log

Man arrested for reportedly exposing himself

Monday, April 29

12:17 p.m. - Deputy reported a purse found at Pine Street. Voicemail was left for the female owner of the gym. The purse was returned to the female.

2:47 p.m. - Caller reported to solicitors trying to scam people at Circle K. Police sent. Owner called back to cancel the response.

9:56 p.m. - Caller reported a rabbit was struck by a vehicle at North Street and appeared to be alive. Police and animal control sent, but the rabbit was gone on arrival.

Tuesday, April 30

12:19 p.m. - Caller reported a gray hatchback was driving erratically at Main Street and Pike Street. Vehicle last seen entering Lowell. Lowell Police Department notified.

4:42 pm - Police out checking on vehicle in the parking lot at Motel 6. They spoke with the owner who checked out OK.

5:26 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity at Motel 6, possibly a violation. Police sent. There was a misunderstanding, a friend of hers was dropping off some items.

7:46 p.m. - Caller reported house across the street from Livingston Street was abandoned and there was a hatchback out with many people. Male was owner of the house. He was boarding up the door with his son and would be done shortly.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a motor vehicle was driving erratically at Plunkett Way. Vehicle was swerving as if to avoid something in the roadway that was not there. The vehicle was crossing onto the wrong side of the road. Police sent. They spoke to the driver. No signs of impairment.

8:33 p.m. - Conflict between staff and patient at Blaire House. There was no abuse. This incident would be handled internally by the facility.

Wednesday, May 1

2:11 a.m. - Sounds like people were yelling and lots of banging at Motel 6. About four people in the room and asked to have them quiet down before they were asked to leave. Police sent. Marielys Figueroa, 21, of 167 Dutton St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with open and gross lewdness.

Circle K reported she received a counterfeit bill. Officer sent and filed a report.

5:15 p.m. - Call from the font desk reported a male party with no shirt was exposing himself at Motel 6. Male described as a 30-40 year old with no shirt and jeans. Police sent. Jose Giron-Pineda, 31, of 40 Everett St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with trafficking in cocaine over 36 grams but less than 100. Miguel Letourneau, 34, of 270 Littleton Road in Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with three Lowell default warrants, two count of possess to distribute class B drugs, possession class B drugs, operation motor vehicle with license suspended, and possess open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

Thursday, May 2

12:15 p.m. - Caller reported her garage was broken into at Randolph Drive. Police sent. Office reported no breaking and entering, misunderstanding with construction equipment placed in a garage while they fixed burned out unit. Officer filed a report.

2:20 p.m. - A 911 caller reported mini bike driving around the area at Main Street and South Street. Last seen turned onto Salem Road from Main Street. Wilmington Police Department notified.

7:24 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver that has been following her since Lowell at Andover Street and North Street. Vehicle reportedly all over the road "fishtailing." Vehicle described as a black Ford truck with a

safe strapped to the back. Police sent. No impairment; item was sliding around in back due to road conditions.

Friday, May 3

3:25 a.m. - Police out at Hilton Garden Inn with two parties behind the building. Erica Hardwick, 39, of 21 Mulberry St. in Nashua, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with trafficking in cocaine over 36 grams but less than 100. Miguel Letourneau, 34, of 270 Littleton Road in Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with three Lowell default warrants, two count of possess to distribute class B drugs, possession class B drugs, operation motor vehicle with license suspended, and possess open container of alcohol in motor vehicle.

started arguing. Male wearing a yellow hoodie. Police sent. Verbal argument only. All parties spoken with and the dog was in good health. Officer filed a report.

Saturday, May 4

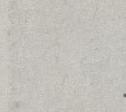
6:16 a.m. - Off-site security company reported south side of property, black van with older white male entering white van parked next to the Honda logo in the back at Atamian Honda. Police sent. Nothing in the area that matched the description.

8:28 a.m. - Caller stated she was not home and a male wearing a construction vest was walking in her yard and walking near her side door at Beech Street. Police sent. Officer spoke to them.

10:29 p.m. - Police at Wells Drive checked on a motor vehicle. Edson De Souza, 35, of 77 Bernier St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with possess class B drugs.

Sunday, May 5

5:34 p.m. - Caller reported three females that appeared intoxicated getting into a motor vehicle at Applebees Restaurant, turning left out of the parking lot heading toward Lowell. Police sent. They reported gone on arrival.



Wilmington Police Log

Lowell man reportedly almost hit telephone pole

Friday, April 26:

7:10 a.m. - A caller on Al-lenhurst Way reported that two separate groups of youths pulled a ding-dong-ditch on him the night before.

12:12 p.m. - A white 2021 Volkswagen Tiguan and a gray 2015 Acura RDX were involved in a motor vehicle accident in the parking lot of the Brookside Nursery School on Woburn Street, with a third party reporting that his wife's car had been struck.

11:13 p.m. - A blue 2013 Chevy Cruze and a gray 2003 Honda CR-V were involved in a motor vehicle accident on the Rt. 129 highway and I-93 SB highway. Airbags were deployed, and it's not known if anyone was injured.

Saturday, April 27:

11:11 a.m. - A walk-in from Sherwood Road reported his father's handicap placard had been stolen out of his vehicle sometime over the past two weeks.

5:18 p.m. - A caller reported that his orange 2013 Subaru Impreza had been struck while parked at the Shriners Auditorium on Fordham Road.

8:20 p.m. - A white 2018 Audi R8 V10 RWS hit a pole on Woburn Street. No

injuries were reported, but airbags were deployed.

Sunday, April 28:

2:55 a.m. - Woburn Police reported a man was pistol whipped and had his vehicle stolen, a white Ford truck with "Connie's Catering" on the doors. Wilmington Police were assisting with the incident, checking the area of Chestnut Street for the stolen vehicle, but were unable to find it.

6:27 a.m. - Dariel Andriel Rosario Beltre of 70 Union St., Apt. #8, in Methuen was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and having an obstructed or nontransparent window. This followed a stop of his gray 2013 Honda Accord on Lowell Street.

8:14 p.m. - A caller at the Market Basket on Main Street reported that when he was paying for his groceries, he believes a patron behind him in line tried to take a picture of the caller typing in his PIN number.

Monday, April 29:

8:51 a.m. - A black 2020 BMW X2 and a green 2015 Honda CR-V were involved in a motor vehicle accident near Winchester Family Medical Center on Salem Street. No airbags were deployed, no injuries

were reported, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

1:22 p.m. - A garbage truck pulled the communication wires of the Woburn Street School. Public Buildings, the DPW, and Comcast were all made aware of the situation.

2:21 p.m. - A Keolis truck was stolen from the train-yard on Milton Way. Keolis reported that the GPS pinged it as being in Lynn, and the truck was located by Lynn police.

Tuesday, April 30:

8:33 a.m. - A caller on Woburn Street and Salem Street reported a woman driving a black 2018 Jeep Cherokee had made gestures threatening to shoot her, and was filming her and taking photos. The caller did cut off the Jeep, but noted that she was in the wrong lane and had to

make the turn. The caller could still see the Jeep, heading onto I-93.

11:24 a.m. - Paul Anthony Pisa of 30 Worster St., in Medford, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and operating an unregistered motor vehicle, while Warlon F Faria Silva 10 Hazelwood Ave., Apt. #17, in Dracut, was issued a summons for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and a number plate violation to conceal ID. This followed a report of them driving dirt bikes on Main Street, whereupon it was discovered they were swapping ownership of the bikes, and neither of them had valid registrations.

3:10 p.m. - Loss prevention at the Target on Ballardvale Street reported two past incidents of shoplifting.

Wednesday, May 1:

9:41 a.m. - A caller at Winchester Family Medical Center reported a larger, bald man wearing gray dress pants and a pinstripe dress shirt walked into the building, past the

registration desk, then turned around and left, all while having a gun holstered to his right hip. The caller had already reported it to building security. By the time police arrived, the man was gone, but security had identified the man as law enforcement.

1:12 p.m. - A caller at Yentile Park on Cross Street reported a woman with curly hair driving a white Toyota was yelling and swearing at children crossing the lot while waiting to park in a parking space. The caller stated that the woman and another woman exited the vehicle and were walking in the field. Peace was able to be restored, and the caller left for the day.

3:38 p.m. - A caller at Super Petroleum on Main Street reported a dispute over a gas payment, with a customer grabbing an employee by the arm. The customer in question was in a blue Dodge Ram. Police were able to restore peace, and the disputed payment was collected.

4:25 p.m. - A black and white 2021 GMC Sierra and a Ford Explorer were involved in a motor vehicle accident near Nichols Funeral Home on Middlesex Avenue. No injuries were reported. Additionally, while calling a witness, it was discovered that the Ford Explorer also hit the witness's vehicle, causing very minor damage to her license plate.

Thursday, May 2:

6:11 p.m. - Darren Francis Shanafelt of 26 Dracut St., Apt. #1, in Lowell, was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08% and negligent operation of a motor vehicle. This followed a caller on Main Street and Church Street reporting an erratic operator, whose vehicle was all over the roadway and almost struck a telephone pole.

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Sheriff Koutoujian discusses change at Public Safety Forum

CAMBRIDGE — Middlesex (MA) Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian and Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara recently served as featured presenters at the 2024 Public Safety Summit at Harvard University.

The leadership and education program for senior level law enforcement leaders including police chiefs, commissioners and sheriffs from across the country was held April 5-7 in Cambridge.

As nationally-recognized leaders, Sheriff Koutoujian and Chief O'Hara discussed cultivating change and implementing reforms through engagement with both internal and external audiences. They also focused on efforts to increase morale and build buy-in from staff, while simultaneously balancing community expectations and priorities.

"Cultivating change and implementing com-

prehensive reforms within large organizations requires both effective leadership and the ability to collaborate with a wide range of stakeholders," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "I've known Chief O'Hara for several years and have tremendous respect for how he has accomplished this in not one, but two major cities. I truly appreciated the opportunity to present alongside him and share our experiences with colleagues from across the country."

"It was an honor to present alongside Sheriff Koutoujian at the 2024 Public Safety Summit at Harvard," Chief O'Hara said. "Sheriff Koutoujian has a wealth of experience leading and rebuilding trust in law enforcement, and it was great to reflect on ways we can continue to move our agencies and our communities forward together."

▲ Minneapolis Police Chief Brian O'Hara speaks at the 2024 Public Safety Summit at Harvard University.

▲ Middlesex (MA) Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian at Harvard University. (Courtesy photos)

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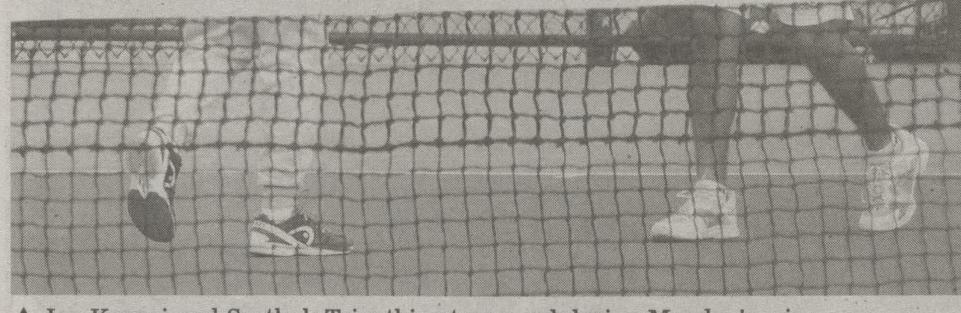
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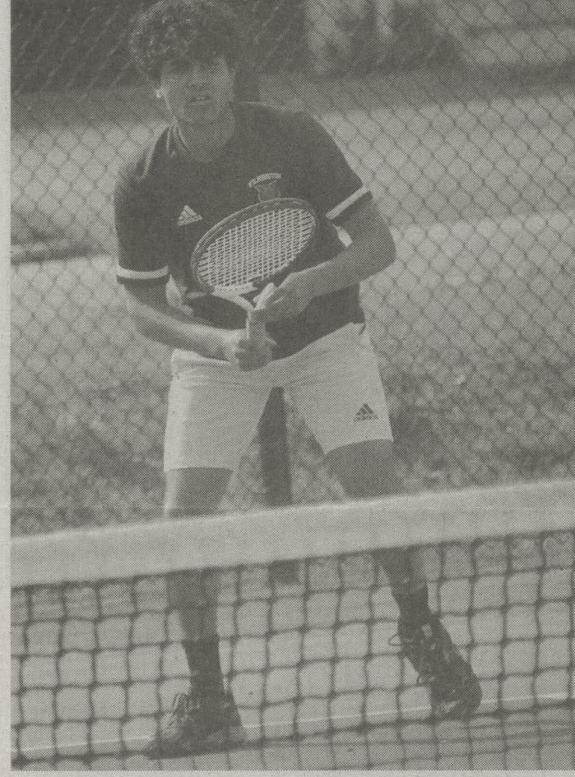
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

Wilmington SPORTS



▲ Jay Karani and Sarthak Tripathi get pumped during Monday's win.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Boys tennis too much for Spartans



▲ Anuj Gandhi won 6-0, 6-0 on Monday against Stoneham.
(Photo by Doug Hastings)

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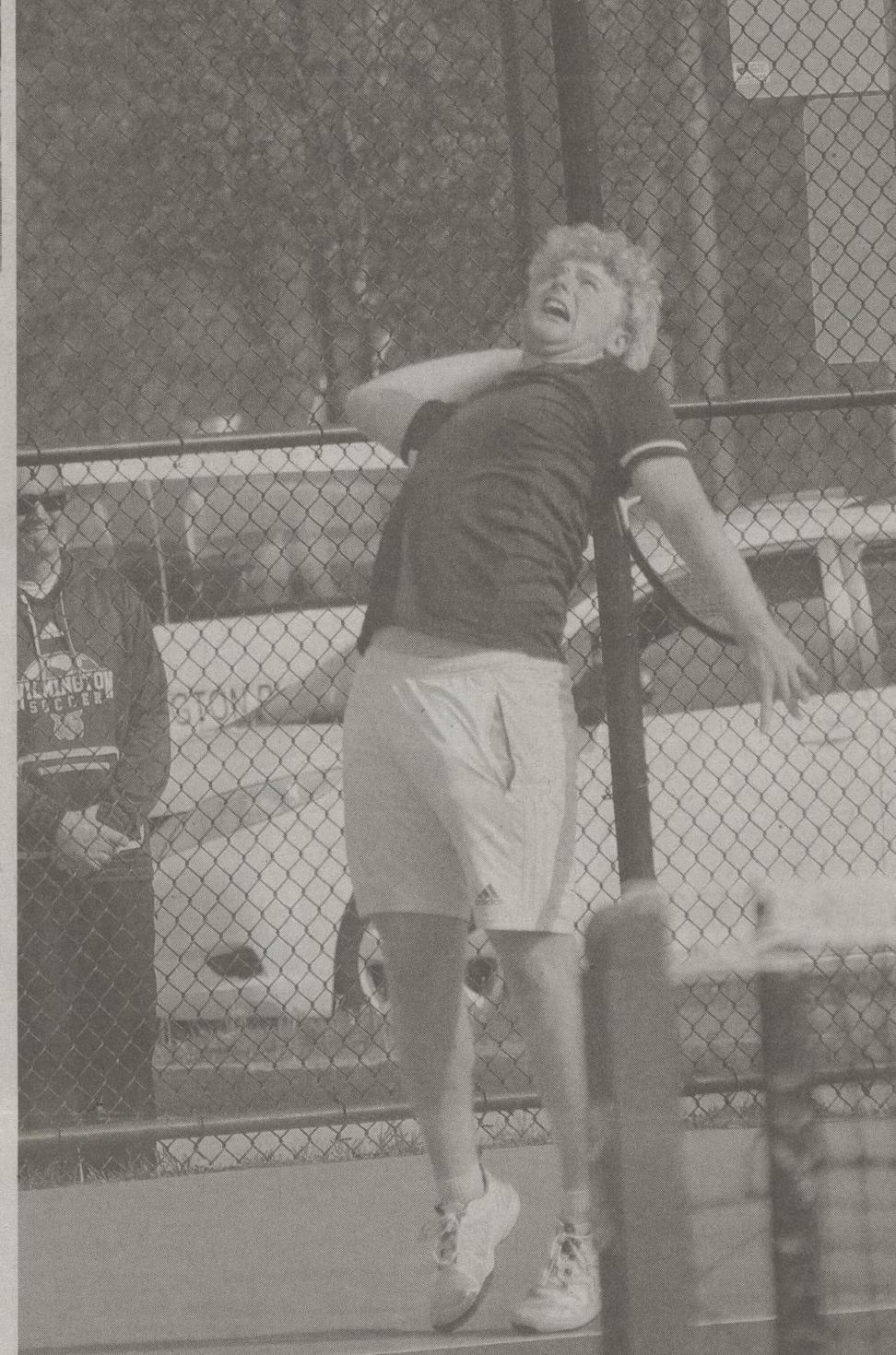
The Wilmington High boys tennis team moved its record to 5-4 with an impressive win over Stoneham on Monday.

The Wildcats entered the match ranked 14th in the state's Div. 3 power rankings.

Anuj Gandhi was a 6-0, 6-0 winner at No. 1 singles while Sidd Karani overpowered his opponent and won 6-0, 6-2 at second singles. At No. 3 singles, Ryan Weinstein didn't lose a game in a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

Jay Karani and Sarthak Tripathi won easily at first doubles, 6-1, 6-1 and Nick DiGiovanni and Monty Benevicio were 6-2, 6-1 winners at No., 2 doubles.

After hosting Watertown on Wednesday, Wilmington has three big Middlesex League Freedom Division matches when the Wildcats visit Melrose on Friday, go to Burlington next Tuesday and play in Wakefield next Thursday.



▲ Sidd Karani won easily on Monday at second singles. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

Girls lacrosse falls to Tewksbury



Ariana Cook moves down the field with the ball.

(Photo by Joe Brown)

*Wildcats rally,
but can't catch Redmen*

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WILMINGTON — The Wilmington High girls lacrosse team beat Tewksbury earlier this season, but a slow start in the rematch was too much for WHS overcome.

The Redmen took a commanding 10-1 lead into halftime and eventually cruised to a 13-6 win at Alumni Field on Monday.

Emily Picher led the way for TMHS with four goals, followed by Ava Nordbruch (three) and Kat Schille (two). Grace Willey, Mackenzie Hickey, Julia Moura, and Keira Gaffney rounded out the scoring as Lydia Barnes made seven saves in goal.

The Redmen left Wilmington on Monday with their eighth win of the season, surpassing last season's win total of seven — with seven games still remaining on the docket.

"It just shows our growth from that first game," Redmen coach Erin Murphy said. "We were a little sloppier on defense and we had three cards that game."

And while the Wildcats suffered their 11th consecutive defeat, they didn't go down without a fight, storming back in the fourth quarter to piece together a 4-0 run to cut into Tewksbury's lead while outshooting the Redmen 7-1 in the period.

Leah Murphy led the way with a hat trick as Maddie Sainato (two) and Gabby Kulevich netted goals.

"I feel like we could have done that the entire game," WHS head

coach Chris Frisso said of the late-game push. "It was just about catching passes but also making the extra pass. We were moving the ball around."

Tewksbury made a statement to open the contest in the first half, scoring six unanswered goals to establish a firm lead out of the gate. Picher, Moura, and Hickey tallied goals in the first quarter to take a quick 3-0 lead.

Tewksbury took advantage of dominating the draw circle from the first whistle.

"The connection between Emily and Kat (was huge)," Murphy said. "Emily is getting really good at communicating where she knows the draw is going to go whether she has control or not. We were able to get a lot of quick goals off that."

Then came Tewksbury's explosive second quarter, racking up seven goals to run away with the game by halftime. Sainato interrupted the scoring spree with a goal at the 5:52 mark to get Wilmington on the board, but the Redmen quickly returned to work to put four more goals to end the half.

Wilmington outscored Tewksbury 5-3 the rest of the way, but it wasn't enough to erase the large deficit. One of the many improvements Frisso noticed from the Redmen was Barnes, who was very aggressive with the ball on clears.

"She was far more active," Frisso said. "She's really good. The reason why we lost was more because of us, but she played really well."

Softball wins a thriller

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The Wilmington High softball team improved to 7-4 on the season with a 4-

3 win over Lowell Catholic on Monday night in Wilmington.

The Wildcats scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning when Ali McElligott scored

Charlotte Forcina with a sacrifice fly.

McElligott ended the game with two hits and two RBIs.

Others leading the offense were Lily Macken-

zie, who went 3 for 4, and Erin McCarthy, who had a pair of hits.

Defensively, the Wildcats also pulled off another double play.

On Sunday, Wilmington

Wildcats beat Lowell Catholic in eight innings, 4-3

lost to Reading by a score of 4-2.

Both teams scored a run in their half of the first inning.

McElligott led off with a walk and went to second

on a bunt by Mackenzie.

Eva Boudreau added an RBI double for the Wildcats. McElligott, Mackenzie and Sofia Tentindo each had two hits in the contest for Wilmington.

Girls tennis sweeps Stoneham

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The Wilmington High girls tennis teams swept Stoneham on Monday by a decisive 5-0 score.

The Wildcats didn't drop a set on the way to their victory.

Savannah Beatrice was a 6-0, 6-0 winner at first singles and Jaslene Ryou

pulled away for a 6-4, 6-1 victory at second singles.

At three, Shubhangi Tripathi won by 6-1, 6-0 scores.

In doubles, Sophia La Vita and Madison Benoit won 6-1, 6-0 at first doubles while Maria Cummings and Alison D'Arco cruised to a 6-0, 6-2 victory at second doubles.

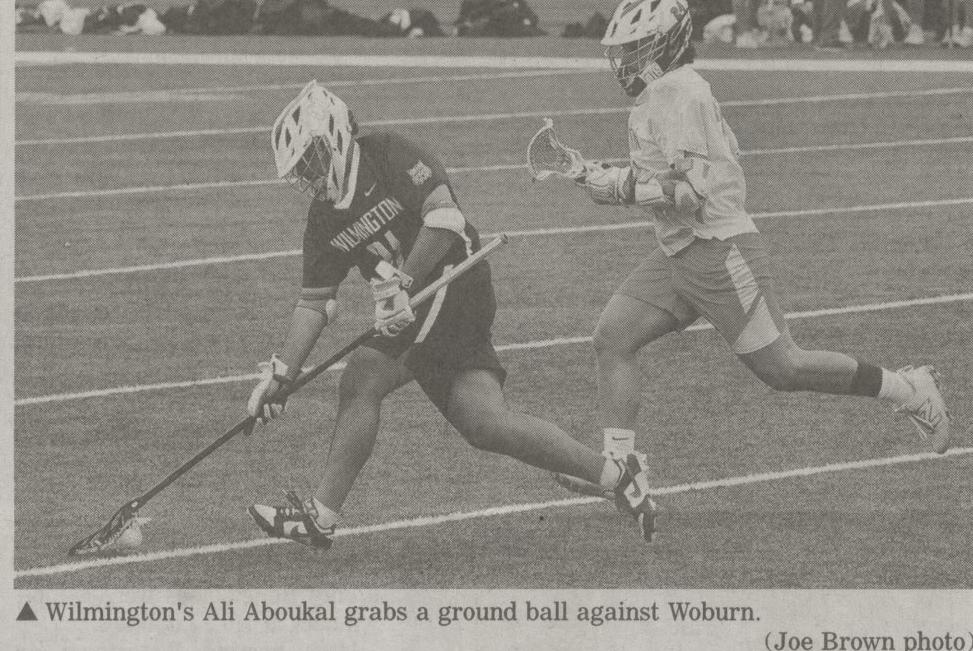
► Savannah Beatrice hits a forehand during a recent win.

(Joe Brown photo)



▲ Wilmington players celebrate a goal.

(Joe Brown photo)



▲ Wilmington's Ali Aboukal grabs a ground ball against Woburn.

(Joe Brown photo)

Boys lacrosse is heating up



Wildcats riding four-game win streak into home stretch of season

By DOUG HASTINGS
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The Wilmington High boys lacrosse team enters the final seven games of the season.

After a 1-5 start to the season, WHS has won four straight games to improve its overall record to 5-5 and move its ranking in the MIAA power rankings to No. 22 in Div. 3.

On Monday, Wilmington knocked off Bedford by a 17-7 score.

Last Wednesday, the Wildcats had another strong offensive showing with an 18-10 victory over Woburn.

The week before, Wilmington beat both Watertown and Stoneham by a combined total of 27-10 with a 14-3 triumph over Watertown and a 13-7 victory in Stoneham.

This week, after visiting Reading on Wednesday, the 'Cats host Melrose on Friday afternoon and then visit Burlington next Monday for a big game at 5:30 p.m.

► Cam Gray of Wilmington makes a play against Woburn.

(Joe Brown photo)

Baseball falls to Wakefield

Wilmington still has 7-5 record as stretch run begins

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After starting the season with four straight wins and a 5-1 record after six games, the Wilmington High baseball team is still

on pace to reach the state tournament, but it hasn't been easy lately.

On Monday, the Wildcats (7-5 overall) lost to first-place Wakefield in a game played at Wilmington Middle School.

The Warriors won the

mercy-rule shortened game by a 12-2 score in just five innings.

Wakefield scored six runs in the first inning, two in the second and four more runs in the fourth to take a 12-0 lead.

The 'Cats scored two

times in the fourth when Noah Spencer hit a two-run single, but Wilmington was unable to score again.

In previous action, Wilmington beat Reading by a 4-0 score and lost to Stoneham, 4-1.

Against Reading, Kyle

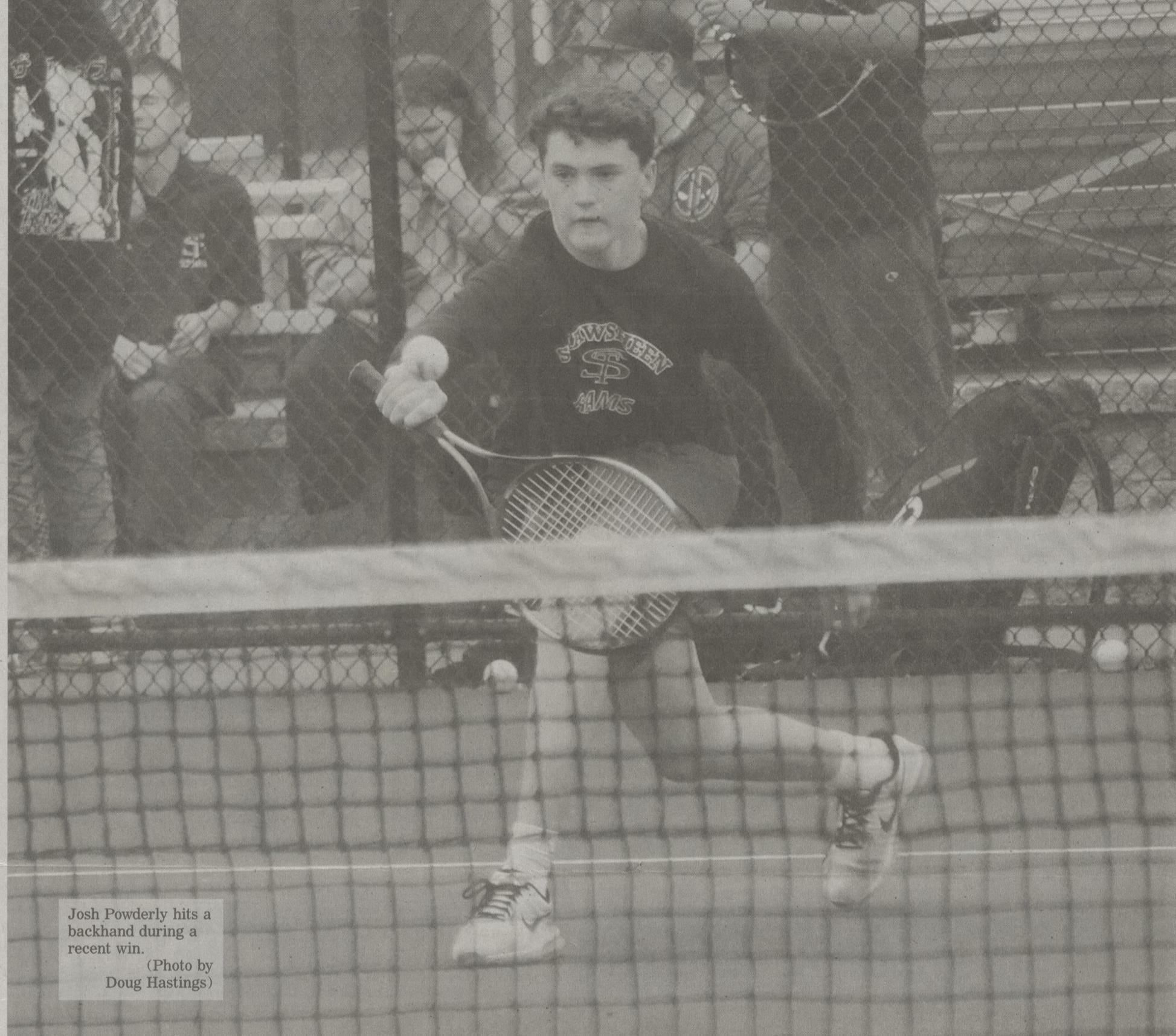
Gabaree pitched six innings of relief, scattering three hits and keeping Reading off balance the entire way.

Offensively, Ayden Balter went 3 for 4 with two doubles.

Wilmington hosted Wa-

terton on Tuesday and plays in Melrose on Thursday night at 7 p.m.

Next week is a huge one for the 'Cats with a Tuesday game in Burlington and a Thursday rematch with the Warriors in Wakefield.



Josh Powderly hits a backhand during a recent win.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Ram tennis back to winning ways

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After a 5-2 loss to Greater Lowell, the Shawsheen Tech tennis team has won its last three matches to

improve to 6-1 overall.

On Friday, Shawsheen blanked visiting North East Regional, 7-0.

Earlier in the week, the Rams beat Fellowship Academy by a 5-2 score and defeated Greater Law-

rence, 6-1.

In recent wins, the Rams have used Ethan Hines, Trevor Engel, Josh Powderly and Ella Haynes in singles.

In doubles play, the top team has been Christian

Rivera and Teddy Buczynski, the No. 2 team has been Sarah and Jasmine Johansen and the third team has been Faith Martin and Parker Jones.

BASEBALL

On Monday, the Shawsheen Tech baseball team improved to 11-2 overall with a 5-0 win over Saugus.

The visiting Rams put one run on the board in the second inning and then two more in the third inning highlighted by a Brody Amenkowicz solo home run.

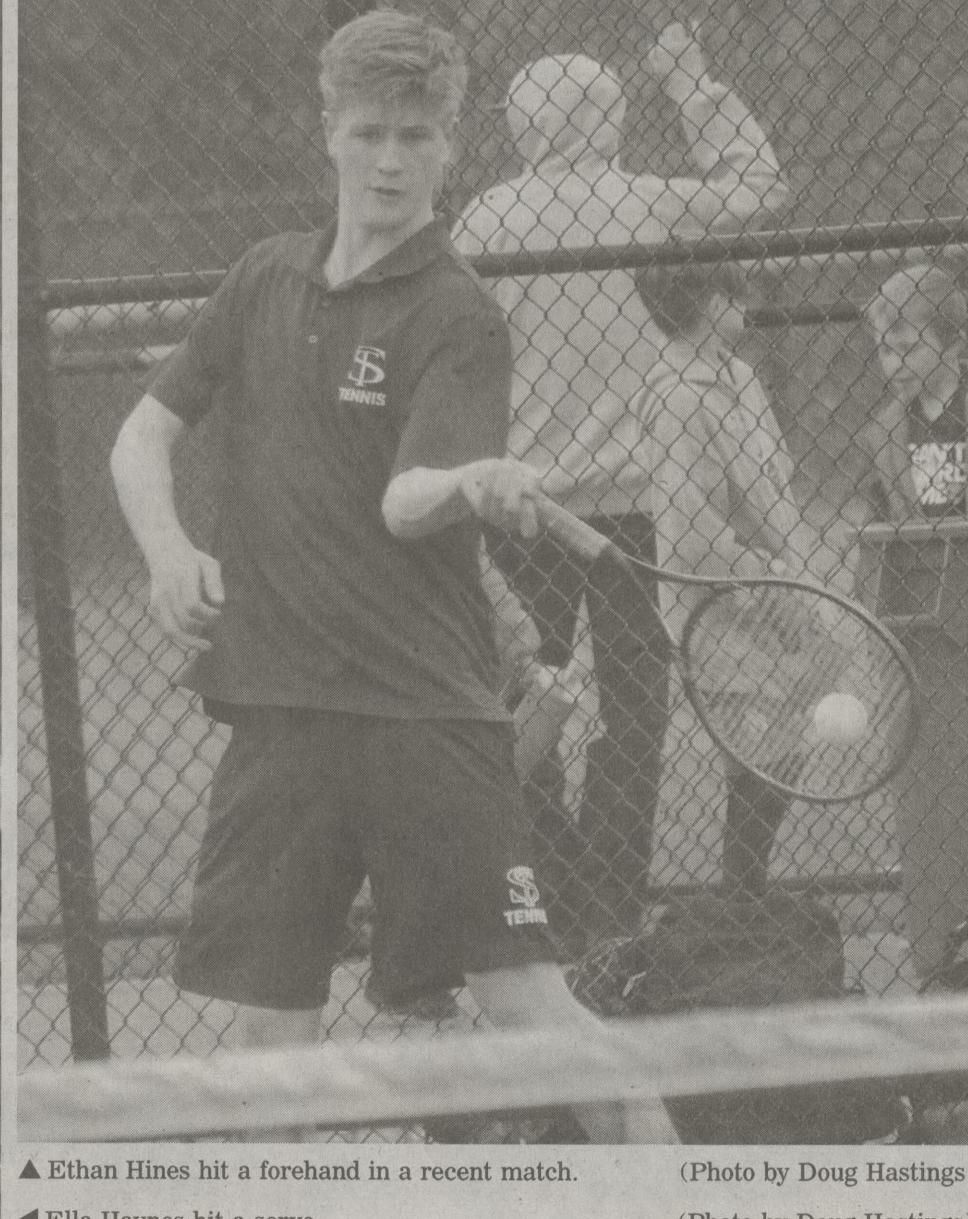
Starting pitcher, senior Matt Flynn was stellar on the mound. He tossed a complete game, scattered just three hits on the day and threw only 84 pitches in the complete game shutout victory. Catcher Robbie Welch called a great game behind the dish.

Offensively, Shawsheen was led by Amenkowicz, who had three hits, three runs and an RBI. Dylon Pratt and Ryan Jamieson also drove in runs. Will Trach added a hit and scored a run.

The Rams beat Greater Lawrence in other recent action, 9-2.

Sophomore pitcher Jake Carr tossed six innings of scoreless ball and scattered just four hits.

Third baseman Brendan Lee made several impressive defensive plays on the day.



▲ Ethan Hines hit a forehand in a recent match.

◀ Ella Haynes hit a serve.

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Shawsheen girls lacrosse continues fine season

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On offense, Pratt had two RBIs, Nate Galanis drove in a run, had two hits and scored twice and Lee added a pair of hits.

Lukas Poirier scored two runs.

Shawsheen also topped Greater Lowell last Friday, 6-2.

GIRLS LACROSSE

After a 7-4 win over Greater Lowell on May 2 and a 16-1 thumping of Whittier Tech on Monday, the Shawsheen Tech girls lacrosse team improved its record to 8-2 overall.

Shawsheen's only losses this season have come to Tewksbury High and Dracut, both Merrimack Valley Conference opponents.

Against Whittier, goalie Mia Vacha made five saves behind a defense that didn't allow Whittier many scoring chances.

Seven different Rams had at least one goal.

Jude Sloman led the offense with five goals while Fiona Rexford added four.

Izzy Ferguson and Riley Rourke chipped in with two goals apiece and Leah Hanafin, Cera Salter and Adriana Kepple all had

one goal each.

In a 13-6 loss to Dracut, Ferguson's three goals led Shawsheen while Rourke, Sloman and Rexford each added one tally.

BOYS LACROSSE

The Shawsheen Tech boys lacrosse team pushed its record to 10-0 in recent action with victories over Notre Dame by a 12-7 score last Friday and Mystic Valley last Tuesday by a score of 17-0.

After facing Lowell Catholic on Monday and Greater Lowell on Wednesday, the Rams visit Mystic Valley on Friday afternoon.



► Top right, Shawsheen Tech's Fiona Rexford moves the ball past mid-field as tries to maneuver around Dracut's Emily Feeney.

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► Right, Shawsheen Tech's Elizabeth Ferguson battles Dracut's Alexis Hudon (left) and Payton DeYoung (right).

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